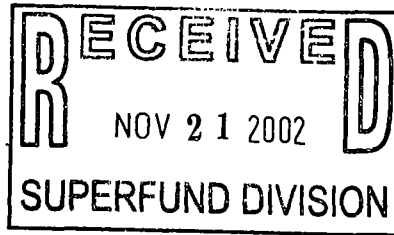




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VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Deena Sheppard-Johnson, SR – 6J
Remedial Enforcement Support Section
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604



Re: The Chemical Recovery Systems Site
Elyria, Ohio

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

We received the General Notice of Potential Liability and Request for Information regarding the above site. Benjamin Moore & Co. has undertaken an investigation to determine if, in fact, the Company has involvement with the site. Benjamin Moore & Co. is willing to participate in the activities outlined in the General Notice contingent on a determination by our Company that we had involvement in the site.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN MOORE & CO.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathleen D. Ewing'.

Kathleen D. Ewing
Corporate Counsel

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